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**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE WINTHROP AVENUE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, June 15, 2010 AT 8:00 P.M.**

**Those present:**

**Janet Goller, President**

**Jay L. T. Breakstone, Vice President**

**Marion Blane**

**Brian Desmond**

**Maryanne Kelly**

**Steven Traum**

**Joseph S. Famularo, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools**

**Deborah DeLuca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services**

**Deirdre Gambino, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology**

**Jack Feldman, District Counsel**

**Randy Yee, District Clerk**

Ms. Goller, President, called the work session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting had been duly advertised in accordance with the Open Meetings Law (Public Officers Law § 102, 104).

The Board reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.

The Board met with external auditor Jill Saunders to review the audit plan.

Ms. Goller called the public meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and noted that the evening would begin with the Board recognizing students from all three schools for a variety of achievements. Students were presented with pins from the Board for achievements in reading, writing, spelling, art, music, community service, and character education.

Ms. Goller recognized Mr. Richard Narby for his many years of service to the Bellmore Schools as a member of the Board of Education from July 2001 through August 2009. Mr. Narby was presented with a plaque and several gifts of appreciation. Mr. Breakstone noted that he has known Mr. Narby and his family for many, many years, and community service was always an important aspect of their lives.

**Retirement Resolutions for A. Bingham, M. Stamm, M. Nolan**

The following retirement resolutions were entered into the minutes, however, only Marge Stamm was present:

**A. Bingham**

***WHEREAS, Arlene Bingham has been a valued member of the Bellmore non-instructional staff for thirty-six and a half years; and***

***WHEREAS, Arlene Bingham, has demonstrated outstanding dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the Bellmore Union Free School District; and***

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*WHEREAS, colleagues and coworkers have taken great pleasure in association with her over the years, and*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore Union Free School District take public notice of the years of devoted service and cause the record of these accomplishments to be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Education with the wish that this affection will sustain Arlene Bingham for many years of healthy, happy retirement.*

*By Order of the Bellmore Board of Education on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010*

*M. Nolan*

*WHEREAS, Maria Nolan has been a valued member of the Bellmore non-instructional staff for fourteen years; and*

*WHEREAS, Maria Nolan, has demonstrated outstanding dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the Bellmore Union Free School District; and*

*WHEREAS, colleagues and coworkers have taken great pleasure in association with her over the years, and*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore Union Free School District take public notice of the years of devoted service and cause the record of these accomplishments to be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Education with the wish that this affection will sustain Maria Nolan for many years of healthy, happy retirement.*

*By Order of the Bellmore Board of Education on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010*

*M. Stamm*

*WHEREAS, Margaret Stamm has been a valued member of the Bellmore non-instructional staff for twenty-seven years; and*

*WHEREAS, Margaret Stamm, has demonstrated outstanding dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the Bellmore Union Free School District; and*

*WHEREAS, colleagues and coworkers have taken great pleasure in association with her over the years, and*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore Union Free School District take public notice of the years of devoted service and cause the record of these accomplishments to be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Education with the wish that this affection will sustain Margaret Stamm for many years of healthy, happy retirement.*

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Ms. Goller stated that Mrs. Stamm, beloved by all, is going to be a great loss for the District.

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**Rosemary Brophy**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Breakstone, and seconded by Mr. Traum to accept the resignation of classroom teacher Rosemary Brophy for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2010.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

The following resolution was entered into the minutes:

***WHEREAS, Rosemary Brophy has been a valued member of the teaching staff of the Bellmore Union Free School District staff for twenty-five years; and***

***WHEREAS, Rosemary Brophy has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to the Bellmore Union Free School District; and***

***WHEREAS, colleagues and co-workers have taken great pleasure in association with her over the years; and***

***WHEREAS hundreds of children have grown and developed by her caring dedication to them, and now, therefore,***

***BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellmore Board of Education takes public notice of these years of devoted service and cause this record of accomplishments to be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Education, with the wish that this affection and esteem sustain Rosemary Brophy for many years of a healthy, and happy retirement.***

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Mr. Breakstone acknowledged Ms. Goller as the outgoing Board of Education President, noting that the Board rotates the presidency each year. He commended Ms. Goller for her dedication to the District in this her sixth term as a member of the Board of Education, and the respectful, gently manner with which she works with her fellow Board members.

**Minutes**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, seconded by Ms. Blane, to accept the minutes of the Board meetings of May 18 and June 7, 2010.

**The motion was carried 4 – 0 for the May 18 minutes with Mr. Breakstone abstaining as he was not present at that meeting, and Ms. Kelly abstaining as she was not yet a member of the Board.**

**The motion was carried 6 – 0 for the June 7, 2010 minutes.**

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**Treasurer's Report**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, seconded by Ms. Blane, to accept the treasurer's report for the month ending May 31, 2010.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Correspondence**

None

**Purchasing**

Mr. Desmond proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Ms. Blane, and unanimously approved 6-0.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of its Internal Auditor to approve the warrants of Fund A Numbers 36-40; Fund C Number 10; Fund F Number 13; Fund HB Number 9; and Fund T Numbers 25, 26 and 27, which are on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Fire Marshall Report**

Fire Marshall, Mr. Timothy Green, stated that annual fire inspections were performed, and no major violations were cited. He noted that some minor items were taken care of and did not require a re-inspection.

Mr. Green further stated that the visual inspection of buildings in the fall will be done as part of the District's Five Year Architectural Survey, not by him. His inspections next year will be during January and February 2011. Mr. Green commended Mr. Hendrickson and his staff stating they are truly a pleasure to work with. He said they are all extremely helpful and attentive to the few small things that needed to be corrected.

Ms. Goller asked if the members had any questions. There being no questions, Ms. Goller thanked Mr. Green.

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

**Nicole Caratzola, Antoinette Fortunato, Amanda Kowalski,  
Christopher Merz, Gina Paino**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint the following substitute teachers (leave replacement) effective September 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as per Attachment I:

Nicole Caratzola      Christopher Merz  
Antoinette Fortunato      Gina Paino  
Amanda Kowalski

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

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*Dr. Diana Mitchell*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint Dr. Diana Mitchell as a permanent substitute psychologist (leave replacement) effective September 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as per Attachment I:

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

*Rhoda Finkelstein, Jessica Mulligan, Carla O'Mahoney*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint the following individuals to Title I Reading Teacher positions effective September 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as per Attachment I:

Rhoda Finkelstien  
Jessica Mulligan  
Carla O'Mahoney

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

*Elizabeth Bove, Darlene Hiller, Donna Kornblatt, Cindy Marshall,  
Donna Masetti, Kerri Ann San Pietro, Michelle Scala*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint the following individuals to building substitute positions effective September 2, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

Elizabeth Bove	Donna Masetti
Darlene Hiller	Kerri Ann San Pietro
Donna Kornblatt	Michelle Scala
Cindy Marshall	

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

*Substitutes*

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint the substitutes listed in Attachment I effective June 1, 2010.

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

*D. DeLuca – Tenure*

Dr. Famularo stated that Dr. DeLuca has worked to insure that students are afforded every opportunity to succeed, and staff members are given the tools to provide those opportunities. In her role as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. De Luca's responsibilities include oversight of the District's curriculum, special services and professional development.

Her collegial manner and openness to new ideas and approaches has resulted in creative and successful outcomes for the many curriculum committees and reviews she has overseen.

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Likewise, as she oversees the creation and implementation of individual educational plans (IEPs), and out of district placements, Dr. De Luca works closely with special education and support staff members.

In coordinating professional development for the District, Dr. De Luca has secured facilitators who are knowledgeable in specific areas to provide training, information and resources to staff members; and has worked closely with staff members who have facilitated in-service courses for colleagues in an area of their expertise.

Dr. DeLuca has grown tremendously over the past three years into an administrator who is successful, knowledgeable, and personifies all of the core values of the Bellmore Schools Community of Learners. Dr. Famularo concluded by saying that he was proud to recommend tenure for Dr. DeLuca effective July 1, 2010.

CSE/CPSE

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond that the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE, for the students as per an attachment on file in the District Office, be approved.

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

Visitors

Ms. Gloria Panella, BFO President, Mr. Cliff Molinelli, BAA President, Mrs. Barbara Haimson, PTA Co-President congratulated all of the retirees, and Dr. DeLuca on receiving tenure.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. DeLuca, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services congratulated all the retirees, then began her report noting that final preparations are underway for this year's summer school. Students entering grades 3 and 4, who need support in the area of English Language Arts and mathematics, will be participating in a nineteen (19) day intensive program, which will be held at the Winthrop Avenue School. The third grade section will also focus on phonemic awareness using the methodology of Orton-Gillingham.

Throughout the week, second grade classes have been traveling to the Queens Botanical Gardens. This is a wonderful extension of classroom learning. Plant life is a major science unit in second grade. Students study the parts of a plant and do experiments to learn how plants grow. This field trip experience helps to solidify all they have learned about plants. The trip includes a classroom experience with one of the botanists at the gardens, as well as a guided tour of the grounds.

We couldn't have ordered a finer spring day for Field Day this year. The day began with the entire school congregating on the main field to say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing a TEAMWORK song, which Mrs. Andersen, the Early Childhood music teacher, had taught each class during Music class. The core value of teamwork was highlighted throughout the day as students rotated from one center to the next and were encouraged to work together and have fun. The Early Childhood Center physical education teachers, Mr. DeBlasio, Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Roman, created center activities on the fields east of the school for second graders and on the

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south and west fields for kindergarten and first graders. They also organized parent volunteers to assist at each of these centers. The day would not have been possible without the many volunteers, who gave of their time and energy to make sure our students had a safe and fun day. Field day ended with the entire Reinhard community coming together again on the main field to applaud our physical education teachers and parent volunteers for their efforts to make this day so successful. Teachers awarded each of our young athletes a medal and the PTA provided ices for all. This was a wonderful day of community building and fun!

Several veterans from the Nassau County Veteran's Association visited the Early Childhood Center and conducted an assembly program through which the students learned about the American flag. Through video, humorous stories, and demonstrations the students learned about the history of the American flag, as well as the care and displaying of the flag. All appreciated these veterans' commitment to our country, as well as their willingness to visit our school and share information about the American flag.

Teachers and administrators from the Hempstead School District visited our district to view *Everyday Mathematics* lessons and to hear from our teachers how this program has encouraged our students to become mathematical thinkers. The team of Hempstead visitors began their visit in two fourth grade classes in Winthrop Avenue School, after which they spoke to these teachers about what they saw and asked questions to gain a teacher's perspective of the program. They then traveled to Reinhard, where they visited three second grade classrooms and met with the second grade team for further discussion. Our fine mathematics instruction was highlighted through this visit

Winthrop Avenue's third grade students experienced the "Our Living Planet" program thanks to our PTA Cultural Arts Committee. They explored the interior of our planet by visiting a giant "earth ball" that was set up in our gymnasium. The presentation focused on Earth Science and Social Studies.

The third grade orchestra, chorus, and recorder club performance was very entertaining! Congratulations to the boys, girls, Mrs. Glikos, and Mrs. Davis for a job well done. The collaboration between Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Glikos, and all the students truly represented our core value of Team Work.

Each fourth grade class visited the Sands-Willets House to experience life in colonial times. During these field trips, the students were involved in hands-on activities. They were given a tour of this historical house and enjoyed a picnic lunch on the front porch. This field trip enriched students' understanding of the fourth grade Social Studies curriculum.

Sixth grade students attended one of two assembly programs that were facilitated by two parents who work for the NYC Police Department, in the drug and alcohol division. Students viewed a PowerPoint presentation that showed the effects of specific drugs on individual people over a period of time. They listened attentively to the stories that these experienced police officers shared with them, as well as asking questions and commenting upon what they heard and had seen.

Fifth graders attended one of two outdoor field trips that were facilitated by BOCES

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environmentalists. Four classes journeyed to Jones Beach to study about the animals and plant life that exists in the intertidal zone. The other four classes ventured out to sea on the 'Miss Freeport', for some fishing as well as a scientific investigation into the plant and animal life in our area, underwater.

Sixth graders went to the Broadway show WICKED – A great time was had by all!

Sixth graders had a great morning together, both as participants and spectators, during the annual track meet. Winners of different events were presented with medals and pins to commemorate their success.

**Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology**

**Reaffirmation and Funding of Reserves**

Ms. Blane proposed the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Traum:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education reaffirms and funds the Reserve for Unemployment Insurance, the Reserve for Retirement Contribution, the Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability, the Reserve for Property and Liability Insurance, and the Capital Reserve as detailed in documents on file in the District Office.

**The resolution was carried 6-0.**

**Bellmore Memorial Library 2010-11 Appropriation**

Mrs. Gambino referred to a letter from the Bellmore Memorial Library requesting that the Board of Education of the Bellmore Union Free School District advance the library one-twelfth of the net tax receipt for the fiscal year 2010-11 at the beginning of each month starting with July 1, 2010. The monthly allocation will be \$204,450.91 for a fiscal total of \$2,453,411.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Mr. Breakstone and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve the advance of one-twelfth of the tax receipt for the fiscal year 2010-11 to the Bellmore Memorial Library at the beginning of each month starting with July 1, 2010.

**The motion was carried 6 – 0.**

**Copy Duplicator Paper, Fine Art, General & Physical Ed. Supplies**

Mrs. Gambino stated that the cooperative bids for copy duplicator paper, fine arts, health & trainer, general classroom and physical education supplies were opened on September 30, 2009, October 6, 2009, and February 6 and 22, 2010. This is a cooperative effort with seventy-six school districts from Nassau and Suffolk counties participating.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Breakstone that the Board of Education award the bids for copy duplicator paper, fine art, general & physical education supplies to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as outlined in the memorandum on file in the District Office.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

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**Nassau County Directors of School Facilities Purchasing Consortium Cooperative  
Bid for Score Board Repair Indoor/Outdoor Gym Equipment Repair and Electrical Folding  
Door Partitions**

Mrs. Gambino stated that cooperative bids for Score Board Repair Indoor/Outdoor Gym Equipment Repair and Electrical Folding Door Partitions were opened at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 14, 2010. There were five responses.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Desmond, and seconded by Mr. Traum that the award for Score Board Repair Indoor/Outdoor Gym Equipment and Electrical Folding Door Partitions be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, namely Athletic Service Corp. as per the attached specifications.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Transportation Contract & Extensions for 2010-11 School Year**

Mrs. Gambino explained that each year the District goes out to bid for private and parochial school transportation contracts/extensions for the new school year. This is a cooperative effort in conjunction with the five component districts. The District has one new contract with BOCES. The remaining contracts have been extended for the 2010-11 school year at the current CPI.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Breakstone, and seconded by Mr. Traum that the Board of Education approve the contract and extensions for the 2010-11 school year as outlined in the specifications on file in the District Office.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Summer Transportation Extensions for Summer 2010**

Mrs. Gambino noted the following summer transportation extension at the current CPI has been submitted for approval by the Board of Education for Bellmore student attending special summer program as per specifications on file in the District Offices

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane that the Board of Education approve the 2010 summer transportation contracts and extension at the current CPI as per the specifications on file in the District Office.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Appointment of Summer Youth**

Mrs. Gambino noted that Mr. Hendrickson, Director of Facilities, is recommending that 15 students be appointed for our summer youth custodial program at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Breakstone and seconded by Ms. Blane that the Board of Education appoint 15 students as per a memorandum, on file in the District Office for the summer youth custodial program at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

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**Budgetary Transfers**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane to approve budget transfers for amounts over \$5,000 as outline in Request for Budgetary Transfers on file in the District Office.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

**Interest**

The total interest received from all funds for the period July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 is \$66,299.73.

**Community Relations**

Ms. Goller stated that there have been a number of wonderful concerts throughout the District. She said the children continue to amaze and the music teachers as well. She also said that Mrs. Lowy and Mrs. Grant once again produced a creative production of *James and the Giant Peach* in which the children were wonderful.

Ms. Goller also commended the 6<sup>th</sup> grade PTA Committee for a job well done in coordinating this year's dance for the students.

Lastly, she noted that everyone is looking forward to recognizing the retirees at upcoming celebrations.

**Central High School District**

Ms. Blane reported that the CHSD Board of Education honored the 2010 Nassau County Champion volleyball team from Kennedy H.S. which included a number of former Bellmore students. The Calhoun varsity badminton team was also recognized for their accomplishments, as were the valedictorians and salutatorians from each of the high schools. The Board also recognized many staff members who are retiring.

**Legislation**

Mr. Breakstone reported that there is still no budget from Albany. He noted that the school district did its job by presenting the voters with a budget in May, even without a State budget in place.

**By-laws**

No report.

**Old/New Business**

Ms. Goller thanked Dr. Famularo and Mrs. Gambino for their work on the budget, and the school community for passing it.

**Visitors**

None.

Ms. Goller announced that the next meeting of the Board would be July 6, 2010, the organizational meeting.

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum, seconded by Ms. Blane that the Board enter into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

**The motion was carried 6-0.**

The board reentered public session at 9:35 p.m. at which time there being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Yee, District Clerk

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Attachment A  
Personnel

**Appointments for 2010-2011**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Nicole Caratzola	Gen. Ed. Leave Replacement	Step 6/MA15
Antoinette Fortunato	Spec. Ed. Leave Replacement	Step 4/MA
Amanda Kowalski	Gen. Ed. Leave Replacement	Step 7/BA
Christopher Merz	Gen. Ed. Leave Replacement	Step 2/MA
Gina Paino	Gen. Ed. Leave Replacement	Step 6/MA45
Dr. Diana Mitchell	Psychologist Leave Replacement	Step 8/MA60 + doctorate
Rhoda Finkelstein	.6 Title I Reading Teacher	N/A
Jessica Mulligan	Title I Reading Teacher	N/A
Carla O'Mahoney	.8 Title I Reading Teacher	N/A
Elizabeth Bove	Building Substitute	N/A
Darlene Hiller	Building Substitute	N/A
Donna Kornblatt	Building Substitute	N/A
Cindy Marshall	Building Substitute	N/A
Donna Masseti	Building Substitute	N/A
Kerri Ann San Pietro	Building Substitute	N/A
Michelle Scala	Building Substitute	N/A